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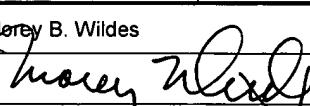
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants hereby amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Amended) A composition for administration to animals including a combination of:
- (a) at least one anti-inflammatory agent selected from the group comprising:
 - i) green-lipped mussel extract (GLME) and/or a pharmacologically active green lipped mussel product, and
 - ii) shark cartilage; with
 - (b) at least one enhancing agent selected from the group of:
 - i) a bark product or bark extract, exhibiting antioxidant properties, and
 - ii) shark cartilage;
- and wherein for a composition including just one member from each group, the selected members must be different.